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Following is a list of the new 55-member Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) 8th Congress. Members are listed according to their current rank, with previous rank at the Seventh Party Congress in 2001 in parentheses or as "(new)." The first 11 members are also members of the Politburo. The listing of "previous positions" is not comprehensive.

¶1. LTG Choummaly Sayasone (3)
Present position: Lao State Vice President (since 2001), Party Secretary General
Previous position:
-- Deputy Prime Minister
-- Minister of National Defense
-- Vice Minister of National Defense
Age: 69
Date of birth: June 3, 1936
Place of birth: Attapeu Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶2. Mr. Samane Viyaket (2)
Present position: President of the National Assembly (since 1992)
Previous positions:
-- Minister of Education
-- Head of Party Central Committee Organization Board
-- Vice Minister of Defense
-- President of the National Election Committee for the National Assembly Fourth Legislature
Age: 79
Date of birth: March 3, 1927
Place of birth: Attapeu Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶3. Mr. Thongsing Thammavong (4)
Current Position: Mayor of Vientiane Capital (since 2002)
Previous position:
-- Chairman of Party Organization Committee
-- Vice President of National Assembly
-- Minister of Information and Culture
Age: 61
Date of birth: April 12, 1944
Place of birth: Houaphan Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶4. Mr. Bounnhang Vorachit (6)
Current position: Prime Minister (since 2001)
Previous position:
-- Minister of Finance

-- Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for trade and
bilateral aid matters
-- Vientiane Mayor
-- Governor of Savannakhet province
Age: 68
Date of birth: August 15, 1937
Place of birth: Savannakhet
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

15. Mr. Sisavath Keobounphanh (7)

Current position: President of Lao Front for National
Construction (since 2001)

Previous position:

-- Prime Minister
-- Vice President of Lao PDR
-- Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
-- Mayor of Vientiane
-- Minister of Interior
-- Chief of Staff, Lao People's Army
-- Governor of Houaphanh province

Age: 77

Date of birth: May 1, 1928

Place of birth: Huay Kaleum Village, Sam Neua District,
Houaphan Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

16. Mr. Asang Laoly (8)

Current position: Deputy Prime Minister (Since 2002)

Previous position:

-- Minister of Interior
-- Deputy Minister of Interior for Intelligence

Age: 65

Date of birth: February 02, 1941

Place of birth: Phongsaly Province

Ethnicity: Akha

17. Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh (11)

Present positions: Deputy Prime Minister (since 2002)

Previous position:

-- Permanent Politburo and Head of the Party Central Committee
Office (Chief of the Secretariat of the LPRP)
-- Co-Deputy Chief of Party Propaganda and Training Board and Chief
of Party Cabinet
-- Vice Minister to Prime Minister's Office

Age: 52

Date of birth: 1954

Place of birth: Saravane Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

18. Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith (9)

Present positions: Deputy Prime Minister (since 2001),
Chairman of the Committee for Planning & Investment,
National Assembly member

Previous position:

-- Member of National Assembly 4th Legislature, Member of Standing
Committee, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to the
National Assembly
-- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare
-- Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

Age: 60

Date of birth: November 11, 1945

Place of birth: Houaphan Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

19. MG Douangchay Phichit (10)

Present position: Minister of National Defense

Previous position:

-- Chief of General Staff Department, Ministry of National Defense
(MND)
-- Vice Minister, MND
-- Deputy Chief of General Staff

Age: 66

Date of birth: April 5, 1944

Place of birth: Attapeu

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

10. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad (13)

Present positions: Deputy Prime Minister (since 2002),

Minister of Foreign Affairs (since 1993), President of the National Commission for Mothers and Children (since 1993)

Previous position:

- Chief, Cabinet of the Party Central Committee; Minister Attached to the President's Office (Chief of Cabinet of the Council of Ministers)
- Ambassador to Bulgaria
- Deputy-Chief of the Cabinet of the LPRP Central Committee and Council of Ministers
- Secretary to Lao People's Revolutionary Party Secretary Kaysone Phomvihane

Age: 60

Date of birth: June 15, 1945

Place of birth: Luang Prabang

Ethnicity: Ethnic Chinese

¶11. Mrs. Pany Yathortou (21)

Present positions: Vice President of the National Assembly (since 2001), Member of National Assembly

Previous position:

- Member, 4th Legislature of National Assembly, Xieng Khouang provincial electoral constituency
- Member, Standing Committee, 4th National Assembly
- Chairwoman of Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee, 4th National Assembly

Age: 55

Date of birth: February 18, 1951

Place of birth: Xieng Khouang Province

Ethnicity: Hmong

¶12. Mr. Bounthong Chitmany (34)

Present position: Head of the Party Central Committee

Previous position: Governor of Oudomsai province

Age: 57

Date of birth: July 3, 1949

Place of birth: Bokeo Province

Ethnicity: Lamet

¶13. Mr. Sombat Yialiher (42)

Present position: Governor of Sayabouly Province (since 1999)

Previous position:

- Deputy Governor, Sayaboury Province, Head of Provincial Organization Division

Age: 50

Date of birth: September 16, 1956

Place of birth: Sayabouly

Ethnicity: Hmong

¶14. Mr. Thongbanh Seng-aphone (43)

Present position: Minister of Public Security (since 2005)

Previous position:

- Governor, Borikhamxay Province
- Deputy Governor, Bolikhamsai province
- Managing Board of Steering Committee for Rural Development
- Governor of Sieng Hon-Hongsa Special Zone

Age: 53

Date of birth: May 2, 1953

Place of birth: Bolikhamsay Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶15. Mr. Vongphet Saikeuyachongtoua (12)

Present positions: President of the Party Inspection Authority (since 2001)

Previous position:

- President, Party Central Committee Control Board
- Member, National Assembly Standing Committee
- Co-Vice President of National Assembly

Age: 66

Date of birth: September 15, 1939

Place of birth: Xieng Khouang Province

Ethnicity: Hmong

¶16. Mr. Bounheuang Douangphachanh (14)

Present position: Governor of Luang Prabang
1998 - Mayor, Vientiane Municipality

Previous position:

- Mayor, Vientiane Municipality
- Governor, Sayaboury Province
- Head of Education Department, Luang Prabang Province

Age: 58

Date of birth: May 15, 1945

Place of birth: Luang Prabang

Ethnicity: Lao Theung

¶17. Mrs. Onechanh Thammavong (15)

Present position: President of the Lao Women's Union
(since 2001), member of the National Assembly

Previous position:

- Member, 4th National Assembly, Savannakhet
- Co-Vice President of 4th National Assembly
- Member of Standing Committee, 4th National Assembly

Age: 53

Date of birth: May 13, 1953

Place of birth: Xieng Khouang Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶18. Mr. Chansy Phosikham (17)

Present position: Minister of Finance

Previous position:

- Governor of Bank of Lao PDR
- Governor of Luang Prabang province

Age: 58

Date of birth: March 18, 1948

Place of birth: Luang Prabang Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶19. Mr. Phimmasone Leuangkhamma (18)

Present position: Governor of Luang Namtha province
(since 2005)

Previous position:

- Minister of Education
- Acting Minister of Education
- Vice Minister of Education

Age: 63

Date of birth: March 20, 1943

Place of birth: Sone Tai, Viengthong District, Houaphan
Province

Ethnicity: Thai Dam

¶20. Mr. Khampane Philavong (19)

Present position: Governor of Borikhamxay (since 2005)

Previous position:

- Chief Public Prosecutor
- Mayor of Vientiane Municipality
- President of Lao Federation of Trade Unions
- Governor of Xieng Khouang province

Age: 63

Date of birth: October 10, 1943

Place of birth: Xieng Khouang Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶21. Mr. Somphanh Phengkhammy (20)

Present position: Provincial Party Secretary, Xieng
Khouang province (since 2005)

Previous position:

- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare
- Governor of Houaphan Province
- Deputy Governor, Houaphan Province

Age: 58

Date of birth: December 18, 1948

Place of birth: Houaphan Province

Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶22. Mr. Saysomphone Phomvihane (22)

Present positions: Chairperson of Foreign Affairs
Committee, National Assembly, Member of National
Assembly

Previous position:

- Minister to the Prime Minister's Office
- Minister of Finance
- Governor of Savannakhet Province
- Deputy Governor, Savannakhet Province, in charge of Commerce and
External Relations Division

-- Is son of LPDR founder Kaysone Phomvihane
Age: 52
Date of birth: October 10, 1954
Place of birth: Viengxay District, Houaphan Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao and Vietnamese

¶23. Mr. Khammanh Sounvileuth (23)
Present position: Governor of Bokeo province
Previous position:
-- Governor, Phongsaly Province
-- Vice President, Party Central Committee Control Board
Age: 54
Date of birth: April 12, 1952
Place of birth: Khoua District, Phongsaly Province
Ethnicity: Lao Theung

¶24. Mr. Mounkeo Oraboun (26)
Present position: Minister of Information and Culture (since 2005)
Previous position:
-- Head of Central Party Propaganda and Training Committee
-- Governor, Vientiane Province
-- Minister of Information and Culture
Age: 64
Date of birth: May 04, 1942
Place of birth: Vientiane Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶25. Mr. Somphet Thipmala (27)
Present position: Governor of Vientiane province (since 2005)
Previous position:
-- Governor, Xaysomboun Special Zone
-- Chief of Logistics Department, MND ranked Brigadier General
Age: 66
Date of birth: August 15, 1940
Place of birth: Houaphan Province
Ethnicity: Phuan

¶26. Mr. Chaleun Yiapaoher (30)
Present positions: Director of National Organization for the Study of Politics and Administration, member of National Assembly
Previous position:
-- Deputy Head, Party Propaganda and Training Committee
-- Head of National Assembly Administrative Affairs Office
Age: 54
Date of birth: September 15, 1951
Place of birth: Ban Nongkham, Sieng Khor District, Houaphan Province
Ethnicity: Hmong

¶27. Mr. Soukanh Mahalath (31)
Present position: Governor of Champassak province (since 2005)
Previous position:
-- Provincial Party Secretary, Xiengkhouang province
-- Minister of Finance
-- Governor of Bank of Lao PDR
Age: 52
Date of birth: June 7, 1954
Place of birth: Keng Kok Village, Champhone District, Savannakhet Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶28. Mr. Soulivong Daravong (32)
Present position: Minister of Commerce (since 2002)
Previous position:
-- Minister of Industry and Handicraft
-- Acting Minister, Ministry of Industries and Handicraft
-- Vice Minister, Ministry of Industries and Handicraft
Age: 57
Date of birth: May 1, 1949

Place of birth: Xieng Khouang Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶29. Mrs. Bounpheng Mounphosay (33)
Present positions: Head of Public Administration and Civil Services Authority (since 2005)
Previous position:
-- Vice Minister of Education
-- Governor, Xieng Khouang Province
-- Member of National Assembly
Age: 58
Date of birth: September 1, 1948
Place of birth: Horkang Village, Muang Kham District, Xieng Khouang Province
Ethnicity: Phuan

¶30. Mr. Phandouangchit Vongsa (37)
Present position: Deputy Chairman of the Party Propaganda and Training Committee (since 2005)
Previous position:
-- Minister of Information and Culture
-- President, National Organization for Studies of Policy and Administration (NOSPA)
-- Deputy Chief of the Party Propaganda and Training Committee
Age: 59
Date of birth: December 12, 1947
Place of birth: Ban Sopsan, Xieng Kho District, Houaphan Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶31. Mr. Bounpone Bouttanavong (38)
Present Position: Governor of Oudomxay province (since 2002), Member of National Assembly
Previous position:
-- Secretary Executive Committee of the Lao Youth Union (LYU)
-- Deputy Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union
-- President of the Lao-North Korea Friendship Association
Age: 50
Date of birth: November 15, 1955
Place of birth: Phongsaly Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶32. Mr. Khamboun Douangpanya (40)
Present position: Governor of Xekong province (since 2003)
Previous position:
-- Deputy Governor, Sekong Province
Age: 56
Date of birth: April 12, 1950
Place of birth: Donchana Village, Lamam District, Sekong Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶33. Mr. Soubanh Srithirath (48)
Present positions: Minister in the President's Office (since 1998), President, Lao National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision (Since 1990)
Previous position:
-- Deputy-Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Responsible for International organizations Affairs, and Western and Developing Countries,
-- President of the Lao National Committee on the border demarcation with Myanmar
Age: 70
Date of birth: September 9, 1936
Place of birth: Muang Khong, Champassak Province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶34. BG Chanasamone Chanyalath (49)
Present position: Member of Party Committee of Ministry of National Defense, Head of Political Committee for Kaysone Phomvihane Defense Academy
Previous position:
-- Direct-General of Political Department, member of Party Committee of Ministry of National Defense

Age: 60
Date of birth: March 01, 1946
Place of birth: Phongsaly province
Ethnicity: Middle land Lao (Laotheung)

¶35. Mr. Ponmek Dalaloy (51)
Present position: Minister of Public Health (since 1996)

Previous position:
-- Ambassador to Cuba
-- Ambassador to China
-- Vice Minister of Public Health

Age: 68
Date of birth: June 6, 1938
Place of birth: Luang Prabang
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶36. Mr. Venethong Luangvilay (52)
Present position: Minister to the Prime Minister's Office

Previous positions:
-- President of Lao Federation of Trade Unions
-- Secretary of Lao Revolutionary Youth Union
-- Deputy Chief of Party Central Control Committee

Age: 60
Date of birth: December 10, 1946
Place of birth: Vang Vieng, Vientiane province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶37. Mr. Khampheuy Panmalaythong (new)
Present position: Party Secretary, Chief of Cabinet of the Party Central Committee

Previous position:
-- Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Party Central Committee

Age: 48
Date of birth: November 27, 1958
Place of birth: Houaphan province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶38. Mr. Vilayvanh Phomkhe (new)
Present position: Provincial Party Secretary, Governor of Savannakhet province (since 2005)

Previous position:
-- Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
-- Lao Ambassador to Vietnam
-- Deputy Minister to Prime Minister's Office
-- Head of the Party's Foreign Relations Committee

Age: 64
Date of birth: December 11, 1942
Place of birth: Savannakhet province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶39. Dr. Phankham Viphavanh (new)
Present position: Governor of Houaphanh province (since 2005)

Previous positions:
-- Deputy Minister to Prime Minister's Office
-- Lecturer at National University

Age: 54
Date of birth: April 4, 1951
Place of birth: Houaphanh province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶40. Mr. Khamsane Souvong (new)
Present position: Governor of Phongsaly province (since 2005)

Previous position:
-- Deputy Governor, Phongsaly province
-- Chairman of Phongsaly Drug Control and Supervision

Age: 53
Date of birth: September 1, 1953
Place of birth: Kieopok, Phongsaly district and province
Ethnicity: Phounoy

¶41. Dr. Sinlavong Khoutphaythoune (new)
Present position: Assistant Party Secretary, Deputy Mayor of Vientiane Capital
Previous position:

-- Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister's Office
Age: 53
Date of birth: November 11, 1953
Place of birth: Savannakhet province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶42. MG Sengnuan Sayalath (new)
Present position: Assistant Party Secretary of the Ministry of Defense, Party Committee Secretary for General Political Department
Previous position: unknown
Age: 57
Date of birth: September 01, 1949
Place of birth: Savannakhet province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶43. Mr. Khamphanh Phommatham (new)
Present position: Governor of Sekong province
Previous positions:
-- Deputy Dean of National Organization for the Study of Politics and Administration
Age: 51
Date of birth: July 03, 1955
Place of birth: Saravan
Ethnicity: Middle land Lao (Lao Theung)

¶44. Dr. Somkot Mangnomek (new)
Present position: Vice Minister of Education, Rector of National University
Previous positions:
-- Dean of the Engineering and Architecture Faculty of Lao National University
Age: 51
Date of birth: December 11, 1955
Place of birth: Siphom, Khoun district, Xieng Khouang province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶45. Mr. Sonesay Siphandone (new)
Present position: Deputy Governor of Champassak province (since 2005)
Previous positions:
-- Chief of Cabinet of Champassak province
-- Is son of former Party Secretary Khamtai
Age: 40
Date of birth: January 26, 1966
Place of birth: Houaphanh
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶46. Dr. Nam Viyaket (new)
Present position: Vice Minister of Industry and Handicrafts (since 2005)
Previous positions:
-- Deputy Chief of State Auditing Committee
-- Is son of Politburo member Samane Viyaket
Age: 48
Date of birth: June 5, 1958
Place of birth: Ban Mai, Attapeu province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶47. Mr. Tongyerthor (new)
Present position: Vice President of National Front for Construction (since 1996), member of 5th National Assembly
Previous position:
-- Member of National Assembly 4th Legislature, representing Houaphanh province
-- President of the Houaphanh Provincial Party-State Control Board
Age: 60
Date of birth: April 15, 1946
Place of birth: Houaphanh province
Ethnicity: Hmong

¶48. Mrs. Sisay Leudetmounsone (new)
Present position: Member of National Assembly, President of Champassak Lao Women's Union
Previous positions:
-- Vice President of Champassak Lao Women's Union

Age: 48
Date of birth: March 8, 1959
Place of birth: Ban Naphai, Salavan province
Ethnicity: Katang

¶49. COL Sanyahak Phomvihane (new)
Present position: Director of Local Army Department,
Deputy Chief of Staff of Ministry of Defense, member of
5th National Assembly
Previous positions:
-- Chief of Staff of Fifth Division
-- Is son of LPDR founder Kaysone Phomvihane

Age: 38
Date of birth: June 16, 1968
Place of birth: Viengsai, Houaphanh province
Ethnicity: Lao and Vietnamese

¶50. Mr. Cheuang Sombounkhanh (new)
Present position: Chief of Cabinet of the Prime
Minister's Office
Previous position:
-- Vice President of the State Planning and Cooperation

Age: 51
Date of birth: March 05, 1955
Place of birth: Champassak province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶51. Dr. Kikeo Khaykhamphithoune (new)
Present position: Deputy Director of National
Organization for the Study of Politics and
Administration (NOSPA)
Previous position: unknown
Age: 49
Date of birth: August 11, 1957
Place of birth: Houaphan province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶52. Mr. Khambay Damlath (new)
Present position: Provincial Party Secretary, Governor
of Khammouane province (since 2003)
Previous position:
-- Deputy governor, Khammouane province
Age: 49
Date of birth: October 10, 1957
Place of birth: Khammouane province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶53. Mr. Sinay Mienglavanh (new)
Present position: Governor of Attapeu province
Previous position: unknown
Age: Over 47
Date of birth: July 15, 1959
Place of birth: Attapeu province
Ethnicity: Middle land Lao (Lao Theung)

¶54. Mr. Bosaikham Vongdara (new)
Present position: President of Lao Trade Unions (since
2003)
Previous position:
-- Vice-President of Lao Trade Unions
Age: 58
Date of birth: April 15, 1948
Place of birth: Phonsavan, Pek district, Xiengkhouang
province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

¶55. Mr. Sommath Pholsena (new)
Present position: Vice Minister of Communication,
Transport, Posts and Construction
Previous position:
-- Director of Road and Bridge Department, MCTPC
Age: 53
Date of birth: August 26, 1953
Place of birth: Wat Ammath, Champassak district and
province
Ethnicity: Lowland Lao

Members of the 7th Party Congress Central Committee
removed from the 8th Party Congress Central Committee

were: Mr. Sileua Bounkham (16), Mr. Thongvang Sihachak (24), Mr. Oneneua Phommachanh (25), Mr. Phoumi Thippavone (28), Mr. Bouathong Vonglokham (29), Mr. Khamkeut Veunkham (39), Mr. Sengnyong Vongchanhkham (41), Mr. Cheuying Vang (44), Mr. Le Kakanya (45), Mr. Boualane Silipanya (46), Mr. Kenekham Senglathone (46), Mr. Siane Saphangthong (47) and Mr. Siho Bannavong (52).

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